

## AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES

*Exchange of notes verbales at Madrid December 21, 1945, and January 15, 1946, amending agreement of December 2, 1944  
Entered into force January 15, 1946*

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International Acts Series 2131

*The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

No. 1379

### NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to inform the Ministry, under instructions received today from the Department of State, that Transcontinental World Airways, the airline indicated by the Civil Aeronautics Board of the United States to operate the route between the United States and Madrid via Lisbon, plans to inaugurate its service to Madrid on January 1, 1946 from New York, via Newfoundland, Ireland and Lisbon. The first flight is due to reach Madrid on January 2. It would depart from Madrid on its return flight on January 3. The service, for the time being, would be weekly; departures from New York being on January 1, 8, 15, etc. and from Madrid on Jan. 3, 10, 17, etc. However, it is the Embassy's understanding that the runway extension at present under construction at Barajas airport probably will not be completed in time to permit of this service being inaugurated as planned by the company, which is being kept informed of the progress of the construction work at Barajas by the Embassy.

Until such time as this airline is enabled to extend its services eastward from Madrid, this city will be its European terminus. At such time as this route can be extended to conform with the Transcontinental and Western Airline's route as communicated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Embassy's Note Verbale No. 535 of July 11, 1945, this company will provide service through Madrid to Algiers, as authorized in Article I (a) (Route No. 2) of the Civil Air Agreement signed at Madrid on December 2, 1944.<sup>1</sup>

Under date of July 11, the Embassy communicated to the Ministry the details of the air routes between the United States and Europe by which the

<sup>1</sup> EAS 432, *ante*, p. 693.

CAB of the United States had authorized three airlines of the United States to operate. The Ministry will have noted that the route allocated to Transcontinental and Western Airlines provides for a spur route to be operated by this company from Madrid to Rome, thence to North Africa via Athens. This spur route is not covered in Article I (a) 2 of the Civil Air Agreement of December 2, 1944.

In accordance with instructions from the Department of State the Embassy has the honor to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it would appreciate its consent to the effecting of an appropriate revision of the route definition as set forth in Article I (a) 2 of the Bilateral Air Agreement referred to above, to be modified to read as follows:

“Route 2. A route from the United States through Lisbon to Madrid, proceeding therefrom (a) to Rome and points beyond and (b) to Algiers and points beyond, return being made over the same route.”

The establishment of two routes to be operated from Madrid by Transcontinental World Airways (the name of this company having been modified recently to better describe the greater scope of its operations) will add considerably to the volume of traffic through Madrid, particularly as the route which it is now proposed to add will permit of through service by TWA from New York to Madrid, thence to the important traffic centers of Rome and Athens, which would be touched on the route to Cairo.

The Embassy expresses the hope that approval for this additional route through Madrid may be formalized by an early indication of the Ministry's willingness to effect the appropriate modification of Article I (a) 2 of the agreement of December 2, 1944, as set forth above.

MADRID, *December 21, 1945*

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*The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 63

NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and in reply to the Embassy's Note Verbale No. 1379 of December 21, 1945, has the honor to inform it that it agrees that the definition of Route 2 as set forth in Article I(a)1 of the “Agreement between the United States of America and Spain relating to the Operation of International Air Transport Services” signed on December 2, 1944, be modified to read as follows:

*Route 2*

"A route from the United States through Lisbon to Madrid, proceeding therefrom:

- a) To Rome and points beyond; and
- b) To Algiers and points beyond, return being made over the same route".

At the same time the Ministry informs the Embassy that it has taken note of the fact that, as soon as the Madrid-Barajas airport is in condition to receive large transoceanic transport planes, the line operated by Transcontinental World Airways will begin to function, and that this service will be weekly.

MADRID, *January 15, 1946*

THE EMBASSY OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN MADRID